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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention--

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Page 1, line 4, add section subheading --Description of the Related Art-- prior to the start of the paragraph beginning "The present invention relates to tyres"

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Page 4, line 28, add section heading --SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION-- prior to the start of the paragraph beginning "It has been found that the problem"

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Page 7, line 5, add section heading --BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS-- prior to the start of the paragraph beginning "In any case, the present invention will be"

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Page 7, line 25, add section heading --DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE
PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS-- prior to the start of the paragraph beginning "Figure 1
therefore shows"